(b) if so, what are the salient features of the said proposal; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Relief to telephone users

1779. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has since been taken by Government to give relief to telephone users with respect to the period when their telephone continued to remain dead; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. It has been decided in principle to grant relief in cases where the telephone service remains interrupted for 30 days or more at a stretch.

(b) Details are being worked out.

Disconnected telephones

1780. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of telephone connections disconnected in the country during the last three years, year-wise for not making payment of telephone dues;

(b) what was the amount of telephone dues outstanding for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to realise the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The number of telephone connections temporarily disconnected for non-payment of their outstanding dues in the country during the last three years, year-wise is given below:

Year	No. of Telephone connections disconnected
1982-83 . .	Not available (The period of preservation of record is on y two years. Hence the information for 1982-83 is not avalilable).
1983-84 . .	5,77,833
1984-85 . .	6,24,957

(b) The amount of Telephone dues outstanding for the last three years, year-wise is furnished as under:

Rs in crores

year	Amount (as on 31st March each year)
1982—83	46.84
1983—84	52.45
1984—85	63.87

(c) The steps which are generally taken for recovery of dues are indicated below:

(i) The telephone connections of the defaulting subscribers are disconnected temporarily to persuade them to settle the outstanding dues. If there are any other telephones/telex provided for the defaulter anywhere else in the country, they are also disconnected;

(ii) the defaulters are contacted personally by the telephone revenue Inspectors to request them to pay the dues, even in instalments where justified. Legal notices asking the subscriber to pay the dues are issued;

(iii) wherever the subscriber is found to be financially sound, legal action is resorted to for recovery of the dues.

Propylene plant in Mathura Refinery

1781. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to set up a propylene plant in Mathura Refinery is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the proposed plant is likely to start production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) It is proposed to set up a propylene separation plant based on the feedstock from Mathura Refinery. The details are yet to be worked out.

Petro-chemical complex near Mathura

1782. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a new petro-chemical complex near Mathura;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the complex is likely to come up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (c) A proposal has been under consideration of Government to set up in the Central Public Sector, an Aromatics Project in Saleempur, District Aligarh, (Uttar Pradesh) with the following capacity:

Benzene	1.6 lakh TPA
Xylenes	2.06 lakh TPA
Ethyl Benezene	0.175 lakh TPA

However, on account of constraint of resources in the public sector, alternative ways of implementing the project are being explored.

Production capacity of Mathura Refinery

1783. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the production capacity of Mathura Refinery;

(b) if so, whether any proposal of expansion of Mathura Refinery is also under consideration; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the details thereof and whether expansion programme will be undertaken during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (c) A proposal to increase the capacity of Mathura Refinery from 6.0 to 7.5 MTPA during the Seventh Plan is under consideration. The Seventh Plan is yet to be finalised and further details will be known only thereafter.

Installation of crude oil pipeline

1784. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has undertaken to instal a crude oil pipeline to transport crude directly from outer harbour to the refinery;

(b) if so, what is the quantity of crude likely to be transported through this pipeline;

(c) whether the project was completed as per schedule; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the estimated saving in freight by using this pipeline?